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The following observations were made at Welzow Airfield on the dates indicated:

1. Aircraft Counts

a. 29 September, 0800: 42 Il-28's, 2 La-2's, 1 Po-2, and 1 Yak-14.

b. 10 October, 1400 - 1600: 17 Il-28's, 6 La-16's (sic).

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2. Flying Activity

a. 23 September, 1400 - 1630: Twelve Il-28's engaged in local individual training flights of 8-15 minutes duration, with 3 - 4 aircraft in the air at one time. Some flights were made with landing gear levered.

b. 29 September, 1130 - 1230: Eight Il-28's engaged in local individual training flights of 15-20 minutes duration.

c. 10 October, 1400 - 1600: Six Il-28's engaged in local individual training flights of 15 minutes duration. On some flights the aircraft flew above the ceiling.

3. Antiaircraft and Radar

a. 23 and 29 September: No AA guns in the prepared positions.

b. 10 October: On the open ground south of the entrance and near the boundary of the airfield, antiaircraft crews with six 37 mm. guns practiced going into position and aiming. Near the point where the airfield boundary crosses the road was a radar with a revolving antenna about eight meters high, at the top of which was a wire-covered framework about 1.5 meters wide and 0.7 meters high. A van was parked at the base of the antenna.

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4. Construction Work

Construction of barracks was still going on. Meanwhile, a number of men were still living in three large tents on the southwest part of the airfield. Rumors were prevalent that these men belonged to a unit recently transferred from Austria.



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